

THE VITAL DIFFERENCE...

between progress and stagnation, between a Congress responsive to national needs and one throttled by the Coalition, will be made in elections to the House of Representatives this fall

- It depends—as a practical matter—on what happens in fewer than 10 percent of the 435 Congressional districts.
- It depends on whether the forward-looking candidates in marginal districts have funds to match their opponents' radio and TV time, mailings, etc.
- It depends on whether enough well-informed and concerned citizens like YOU assume responsibility for making this possible.
- It depends, perhaps, on YOU.

The Democratic Study Group is an organization of the liberal members of the House of Representatives which has had tremendous impact upon Congressional events in the past three years. It coordinates liberal policy, provides research to back it up, and has an efficient whip system which insures that all the members are on the floor for important votes.

Since its formation in 1959, the Democratic Study Group has been responsible for breaking the conservative stranglehold on the powerful Rules Committee, forcing the creation of the Democratic Steering Committee, and compelling the consideration of much important legislation.

At the core of the Group are the 90 Congressmen who are directly dependent upon public approval—who do not come from one-party districts in the south or in the big cities (where nomination is tantamount to election). They are elected from districts in the north and west that were traditionally Republican prior to the New Deal—and that are the true battleground of modern Congressional elections.

They are virtually the only Democratic Representatives to whom constructive and successful action on important national and international issues is also a matter of their own political survival.

The Group will suffer whatever losses this election may inflict on House Democrats, and it will be enlarged by whatever victories are achieved.

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We, who have served in the House and know its present importance, regard it as essential that this year the Democratic Study Group be enlarged. Deciding which are the most significant campaigns among all that are underway is most difficult. The National Committee for an Effective Congress has concluded that about one-quarter of the members of the Democratic Study Group face especially difficult races; and a number of potential new Group members are challenging and have real prospects of defeating some of the most die-hard adherents of the Coalition. The problem for most liberal candidates is not the

voters, but how to communicate with them. Your response to this appeal may be decisive for these candidates.

We hope you will make your contribution as generous as possible. The vital difference between progress and stagnation may be up to YOU.

Eugene J. McCarthy

EUGENE J. MCCARTHY
United States Senator

Lee Metcalf

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United States Senator

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